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Health Ministry releases annual publication of Infrastructure and Human Resources for 2022-23

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Helpful in policy making, improving processes and problem solving: Union Health Secretary



Union Health Secretary, Apurva Chandra released "Health Dynamics of India (Infrastructure and Human Resources) 2022-23", an annual publication formerly known as “Rural Health Statistics”. The document has been published since 1992.

Highlighting the document as a source of reliable and authentic information on various aspects of National Health Mission (NHM), Apurva Chandra stated that “The annual publication is a valuable document furnishing much needed information on manpower and infrastructure within NHM, helpful in policy making, improving processes and problem solving”.

He added that the document gives a cross analysis across the states on the availability and deficiencies in manpower and infrastructure. The data is immensely helpful in understanding the requirements of the states, their priority areas and formulating policies and targeted campaigns. "The health statistics also aids in making a comparison in the performance of the states on different parameters", he highlighted.

The key features of the publication include:

1. Comparative Analysis: Provides comparisons of health infrastructure and manpower between 2005 and 2023, and from 2022 to 2023, highlighting progress and gaps
2. District-Wise Data: Offers district-level details of health facilities, including Sub-Centers (SCs), Primary Health Centers (PHCs), Community Health Centers (CHCs), Sub-District Hospitals (SDHs), District Hospitals (DHs), and Medical Colleges
3. Rural, Urban, and Tribal Focus: Details of infrastructure and manpower in rural, urban, and tribal areas, providing targeted insights for policy planning
4. Classification of States/UTs: States and Union Territories are categorised based on key healthcare performance metrics, aiding in targeted interventions
5. User-Friendly Highlights: Key findings are summarised at the beginning for quick reference
6. Guidance for Stakeholders: Acts as a crucial tool for healthcare planning and management by identifying gaps and deficiencies in infrastructure and human resources.

Union Health Secretary also pointed at the need to integrate the Health Management Information System (HMIS) Portal with Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) and other portals of the Ministry to reduce the burden of work of health functionaries and to ensure that the data are uploaded timely and analysed carefully.